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Mr. James F. C. Hyde, Jr.
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Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Hyde:

This is in response to your request for our views on the Department of State's proposed report on S. Res. 454, a sense of the Senate Resolution dealing with international agreements designed to protect officials and their families serving abroad.

We agree with those aspects of the proposed report relating to the importance of the subject and the value of international agreements as a deterrent to threats and hostile acts against Government officials and their families abroad.

We defer completely to the Department of State on those aspects of the proposed report dealing with the discussion and negotiation of such international agreements since we have no responsibility in these areas.

Sincerely,

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State Dept. review completed. On file OMB release instructions apply.

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NOTE FOR: JMM

1. This replies to OMB's request for Agency views on a sense of the Senate Resolution calling for international agreements to deter kidnapping of U.S. officials abroad.

2. Your letter represents a consensus of views solicited from all Deputy Directorates and OGC with the exception that I did not include [redacted] suggestion that private citizens be included along with U.S. officials because, although it has merit generally [redacted] it tends to raise further complications and go beyond the "political crime" context which seems to be the issue.

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